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Mr. Frederick J. Evans, P.E.
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Re: Draft FY03 Amended Site Management Plan
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, Maine

Dear Mr. Evans:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the draft version of the document entitled "FY03 Amended Site Management Plan for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine". This document is dated June 2002.

EPA's comments on this document are provided in Attachment I to this letter.

As outlined in the Federal Facility Agreement for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the Navy should submit a draft final FY03 Amended Site Management Plan to EPA within thirty days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Michael Barry at (617)918-1344.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meghan F. Cassidy".

Meghan F. Cassidy
Remedial Project Manager

Enclosure

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ATTACHMENT I

The following are EPA's comments on the draft version of the document entitled "FY03 Amended Site Management Plan for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine". This document is dated June 2002.

1. Page 2-1, paragraph 3: The text indicates that schedules for additional work associated with Sites 30, 31, 32 and the former Oil Gasification Plant have not been established. Appendix C of this document include schedules for each of these sites. The text should be revised to reflect this fact.
2. Appendix C.3: Tasks 278 through 295 of this schedule are related to the Technical Memorandum that were developed for the evaluation of consolidation at the JILF. As a result of this evaluation, the Navy included excavation, consolidation and wetland creation into the design of the OU3 project. As a follow-up to this work, an Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) needs to be developed. This ESD should be included in the schedule.
3. Appendix C.3: The Five-Year Review is shown as being due on November 28, 2007. As outlined in EPA's Five-Year Review guidance, a statutory five-year review must be completed within five-years of the trigger action. The trigger action for PNS is the start of construction of the JILF remedy. JILF construction began in June 2002. Therefore, the first five-year review must be completed by June 2007.
4. Appendix D, Site Update Fact Sheet: The EPA contact for this site should be changed to Mr. Michael Barry. Mr. Barry's phone number is (617)918-1344.